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2 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DCI, dated 19 May 1960,
Subject: Conversation with Mr. Robert Smart, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, from Legislative Counsel

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action by the Director of Central Intelligence in paragraph 7.

2. In considering any Agency preparation for the new Congress, the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services probably has the highest priority. This Subcommittee was reestablished in the early days of the 86th Congress as a direct result of pressures which were then mounting in connection with resolutions for a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence which were referred to the House Rules Committee. It was agreed by the House leaders that the CIA Subcommittee would be reconstituted. The Speaker and Mr. Kilday, the new Chairman, met and reached an understanding that the Subcommittee would undertake a detailed and thorough review of the Agency with the intent of meeting at least once a month. We were informed that it was the desire of the Speaker and Mr. Kilday that this review be extremely thorough and detailed with CIA being completely frank with the Subcommittee and holding nothing back. We were advised at that time that this action was considered to be a backfire for the pressures relating to resolutions for a Joint Committee.

3. During the first session of the 86th Congress, CIA appeared before the Subcommittee on five occasions, furnishing detailed briefings on Agency activities. During the second session, the Agency appeared twice. (In addition, the Agency appeared before a Special Subcommittee chaired by Mr. Kilday which was investigating the intelligence agencies under its jurisdiction in connection with the Martin-Mitchell affair.)

4. There were twenty resolutions for a Joint Committee on Intelligence introduced in the House and one in the Senate during the 86th Congress. Prior to the U-2 incident there were eighteen measures in the Congress. It was reported in the press on May 13, 1960 that the House Rules Committee decided to take no action on any of the resolutions for a Joint Committee "because the time to consider them seemed impractical."

5. In the referenced memorandum I reported a conversation with Mr. Smart who had advised of Mr. Vinson's disappointment in the Subcommittee not having been previously briefed on the U-2 project. Mr. Smart voiced his own similar feelings in this regard. In that memorandum we had recommended CIA offer further briefings to the Kilday Subcommittee indicating our desire to inform them of additional important projects. Following your approval, this offer was made on several occasions but through pressure of business the Subcommittee did not find time for a further hearing.

6. In reviewing the Report of the Activities of the House Committee on Armed Services, Eighty-Sixth Congress, the CIA Subcommittee and its membership is listed. However, there is no mention in the text of any specific activities of that Subcommittee although there are brief summaries of activities of other Subcommittees. I would believe it desirable that such a Report include a brief statement of the Subcommittee's activities and any conclusions reached.

7. Having in mind all of these circumstances, it seems highly desirable that the Director of Central Intelligence meet with Representative Kilday at the earliest opportunity and preferably before the convening of the 87th Congress, if possible, on which occasion there could be discussed the past work of the Subcommittee and an expression of hope for continued excellent relations. The

Director could indicate that there are other matters of importance on which the Agency would like to brief the Subcommittee. The Director could make it explicit that the Subcommittee would receive all information which it desired and that it would be no less informed than any other members of Congress. It is recommended the Director of Central Intelligence take the suggested action.

FORWARDED
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Legislative Counsel

Att. - Referenced Memo

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The recommendation for action in paragraph 7 is approved.

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Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR *JK*

The attached memorandum recommends that you attempt to see Mr. Kilday at his earliest convenience to discuss the work of the CIA Subcommittee which he chairs.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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